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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF MEDICAL DIPLOMA

REF: HONG KONG 6948

REFTEL IS REPEATED TO YOU AS FOLLOWS:

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H PASS: HONORABLE RUSSELL B LONG, UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHDC 20510

REF: SENATOR LONG'S LETTER DATED MAY 3 1978, ORIGINALLY
ADDRESSED TO DEPT OF STATE, ON BEHALF OF MR J CLIFFORD OURSO.

1. YR LETTER REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING
A MEDICAL DIPLOMA ISSUED TO DR LI CHANG WONG, AKA DR PANDA
LEE IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE U.S.
THE DEPT OF STATE FORWARDED COPY OF CERTIFICATE TO CONSULATE.

2. CERTIFICATE IN QUESTION WAS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG ORIENTAL
ACUPUNCTURIST TO LI ON 14 JULY 1974 ON COMPLETION OF COURSE
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IN SENIOR ACUPUNCTURE. REFERENCE TO CURRENT BUSINESS TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY DOES NOT LIST SCHOOL AND THE TELEPHONE COMPANY
CONFIRMED IT HAS NO LISTING FOR SCHOOL.

3. WE TELEPHONED HKG MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND WERE
INFORMED INASMUCH AS ACUPUNCTURE IS TRADITIONAL
CHINESE MEDICAL PRACTICE, IT IS NOT UNDER GOVERNMENT

CONTROL AS ITS PRACTITIONERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED MEDICAL DOCTORS. THUS, ANYBODY CAN ESTABLISH AN ACUPUNCTURE SCHOOL AFTER REGISTERING WITH THE HKG AS A COMMERCIAL VENTURE. THE CURRICULUM FOLLOWED IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PASS A GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED TEST FOR GRADUATION.

4. ON JUN 1, ONE DR WONG KANG YIU, CAME TO CONGEN WITH AFFIDAVIT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM LAW FIRM OF BENTON, BENTON & BENTON, 601 FERDINAND STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802, TELEPHONE (504) 343-661,1, TO BE SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE CONSULAR OFFICER. SUBSTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT WAS THAT WONG WAS ACQUAINTED WITH LI, THAT LATTER WAS PHYSICIAN OF CHINESE MEDICINE, THAT HE TRAINED IN CHINESE MEDICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COLLEGE FOR 4 YEARS IN WESTERN MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE, INTERNEED FOR 4 YEARS AT CHINESE MEDICAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH HOSPITAL, BOTH IN PEKING, THAT SUCH TRAINING GAVE LI IN EXCESS OF 36 MONTHS OF TRAINING IN ACUPUNCTURE AND THAT "... SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL WERE AT THE TIME AS FINE AS ANY MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL IN CHINA AND INSOFAR AS ACUPUNCTURE AS FINE AS ANY IN THE WORLD." AFFIDAVIT WENT ON TO SAY WONG KNEW LI HAD EMIGRATED TO HONG KONG AND "... KNEW HE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF POST GRADUATE WORK IN THE HONG KONG UNCLASSIFIED

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ORIENTAL ACUPUNCTURE INSITUTE AND RECEIVED HIS OWN LICENSE TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN HONG KONG," AND THAT HE ENJOYED "... A GOOD REPUTATION NOT ONLY AS A GOOD ACUPUNCTURIST, BUT AS A PERSON."

5. IN DISCUSSING AFFIDAVIT WITH WONG, HE SAID THAT HE AND LI ATTENDED THE ACUPUNCTURE LEARNING CLASS DIRECT UNIT OF STATE COUNCIL, PEKING HOSPITAL, THIRD BRANCH, FOR A FEW MONTHS, AFTER WHICH LI ATTENDED THE CHINA DEMICAL AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, PEKING, FROM 1964 TO 1968. WONG DID NOT ATTEND SAME SCHOOL, BUT CLAIMS HE SAW LI FROM TIME TO TIME AND, THEREFORE, WAS AWARE OF HIS STUDIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEST ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AS TO LI'S ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG SINCE HE, WONG, DID NOT ENTER HONG KONG UNTIL 1977 WHEREAS LI CAME IN 1974 AND WENT TO U S LATER THAT YEAR. GIVEN THE SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES IN THE AFFIDAVIT, CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMED WONG THAT HE WOULD EXECUTE THE AFFIDAVIT EMPLOYING WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY. UPON BEING SO INFORMED, WONG DECLINED TO PROCEED AND SAID HE WOULD "THINK ABOUT IT."

6. CONSULATE WILL INFORM YOU PROMPTLY IF WE ARE ABLE
TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

7. FOR USLO. CAN YOU CONFIRM INFORMATION PROVIDED PARAGRAPH 4

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